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1. For three years the airfield at Ceske Budejovice has been under reconstruction. The airfield is being enlarged by 200 acres to the west. In the vicinity of the airfield large quantities of building materials and heavy equipment could be observed. Aside from work on surfacing the field, excavation work is being done on a large scale. The workers are mostly military personnel, but some civilians are employed on specialized tasks. The radiogoniometric station operated by Czechoslovak Airlines personnel at the Ceske Budejovice airfield was closed down in August 1952.
2. Pardubice airfield is being enlarged, and surfacing and excavation work is in progress on it. According to a circular issued by the motorcycleists' association, the race track adjoining the airfield is being closed down. The enlargement of the airfield will include the race track.
3. A new airfield is being built at Klecany. Large scale surfacing work and excavations are in progress. The work has not progressed far enough for an observer to judge the final shape of the field or the position and length of the runways.
4. Two radar stations are located in the area between Marianske Lazne (N50/ P 56) and Cheb (N51/ P 37). They are intended to keep the U.S. Zone of Germany under radar observation. One is beared to the south and one to the west. When a plane is observed heading toward Czechoslovakia, the airfields in western Bohemia are alerted. If the plane nears the frontier without changing course, interceptor planes are sent up.

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